

THE LEGISLATURE'S WORK

THE WESTERN AND ATLANTIC COM MITTEE MEETS.

A Proposition for Betterments Made by the Road—A Watermelon Feast—News and Notes.

Of the three new bills introduced in the senate yesterday two were local and one by Senator Boyd was of general application. The latter limits the work-day for minors to ten hours and makes it a misdemeanor to work them for a longer time. It was intended principally to protect country children from overwork in the cotton picking season, and on Senator Boyd's request was referred to the committee on agriculture.

Among the bills favorably reported and read a second time, were Senator Hall's bill to prescribe the manner in which rules for the government of prisoners shall be established, the Fulton county registration bill making wages a preferable claim, in receiverships, the bill to amend the charter of Atlanta and Senator Johnson's bill to prohibit the sale of cigarettes, or substituting them, to minors. The last was amended in committee so as to include cigarette tobacco and cigarette paper, and to strike out the clause allowing a sale to a minor with his parents' consent.

This bill will undoubtedly pass the senate and if it becomes a law as amended, we will see very few youths on the streets smoking cigarettes.

Senator Massengale's resolution, inviting President Warren, A. Candler, of Emory, and President G. A. Nunnally of Mercer to address the general assembly at 8 o'clock next Tuesday evening encountered some opposition. Six senators, including Mr. Rice, of Fulton, voted against it, but it was adopted by a vote of seventeen to six.

An interesting incident of the proceedings was the submission to the senate by the president, of a communication from Hon. W. J. Northern, president of the recent congress, inclosing a memorial on the condition of the roads in Georgia and needed legislation.

The memorial which was in type was read by the secretary. It proposed three points to be held in view in legislation upon this subject. First, the employment on the roads of the convicts of the state, so far as possible; second, the contribution of its fair share to the maintenance of roads by free labor; and third, the contribution of a just proportion of the expense by the property of the state through an ad valorem tax.

The employment of all the misdemeanor convicts is recommended.

Senator Bradwell moved a reference of the memorial to the general judiciary committee, saying that in connection with the convict lease there were questions which would require the wisdom of the ablest lawyers of the senate.

Senator Wooten differed on this point and moved to amend by referring the memorial to the committee on internal improvements. The amendment was adopted and the memorial went to the committee on internal improvements.

On motion of Senator J. W. Harris, chairman of the special judiciary committee, the bill to secure the payment of laborers' wages in receiverships by making them a preferable claim, was recommitted to the general judiciary committee.

He also gave notice of a motion to reconsider the bill to make it a misdemeanor to sell or furnish liquor to intoxicated persons, stating that his object was to amend it so that it would meet the views of both sides. It would be made retroactive against dealers. There was now a law against this offense, he said, but it was the opinion of some of the judges that it provided no penalty.

To the Senate Hall again, and it was evident that the bill with these amendments, will become a law.

On motion of Judge Hall, chairman of the general judiciary committee, the bill to amend the charter of Atlanta was recommitted to the committee on corporations, of which Senator Rice is chairman.

In the absence of part of the memorial committee, their report on the decision of Senator Fields was postponed till next Tuesday.

The following distinguished citizens were honorably seated: Hon. James H. Mobley, Hon. R. E. Mitchell, Judge F. M. Longley, of Troup, and Hon. E. D. Pittman, mayor of LaGrange.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The governor's bill to county judge of Laurens was called up, and the senate went into executive session.

Senator Holmes opposed the appointment of Judge Hayes as a judge of the court, not on the ground that Judge Hayes was not given satisfaction on the bench and the grand jury had several times recommended the abolition of the court on that account. After a session of nearly half an hour the nomination was laid on the table.

BILLS PASSED BY THE SENATE.

A bill defining the limits of Rose Hill annex to the city of Columbus. Immediately transmitted.

A bill to give landholders the control of renters' crops until renters paid. Bill reported by substitute, which specifies that shall apply to the advances of the year in which the crops were grown.

In the House.

The order of the day was taken up yesterday at 9 o'clock, and at exactly 10 o'clock the result of the final vote on that order was announced by Speaker Pro-Tem C. A. In.

It fit in with mathematical precision.

As announced in yesterday's CONSTITUTION the special order was a bill for the relief of Major Samuel Morgan, one of the sureties on the bond of the bank of Rome.

Mr. Fleming, of Richmond, spoke against the majority report allowing Major Morgan \$10,000. He thought the state should refund \$700, and that only. The speech was one of the very finest delivered this session. From a legal standpoint it was simply impregnable.

Mr. Davis, of Burke, made a strong talk in favor of the majority report. Mr. Davis is one of the youngest members of the house, and his speech yesterday was an honor to him.

Mr. Gamble, of Jefferson, and Mr. Speer, of Newton, spoke briefly and to the point in support of the bill.

Mr. Bush, of Miller, spoke against the bill. Mr. Huff, of Bibb, made a powerful speech in favor of the bill. In its direct practical effect, it is doubtful if this speech was equalled yesterday.

Mr. Humphreys, of Brooks, spoke against the bill.

Mr. McDonald, of Ware, spoke in favor of it. Mr. Glenn, of Whitfield, made the last speech. It was an eloquent, enticing talk, and once or twice he was interrupted by the applause of the house. He then moved that the committee of the whole house report back the bill, as amended by Mr. Gamble of Jefferson, with the recommendation that it "do pass."

The motion was carried.

Mr. Gamble's amendment deducted from the total of \$10,000 all the expense to which the state had been put in the matter, including attorneys' fees, sheriff's costs, etc., leaving \$8,853.50, the amount due Major Morgan.

The main question was then put, and the bill was passed by a vote of 110 to 42.

Mr. Johnson, of Floyd, introduced a motion that the bill be immediately transmitted to the senate, and the motion was carried.

It was exactly one o'clock, and the house adjourned.

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WILL MEET IN ATLANTA.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

Selects This City as the Next Place of Its Meeting and Next November as the Time—Business Transacted by the Executive Committee at Chicago Yesterday.

CHICAGO, July 16.—The meeting of the executive board of the Knights of Labor began today at the Sherman house, with General Master Workman Powderly and the following members present: General secretary and treasurer, John W. Hays, of Philadelphia; J. J. Holland, of Jacksonville, Fla.; A. W. Wright, of Toronto, and John Devlin, of Detroit. Mr. Powderly and his fellow leaders arrived in the city this morning directly from Pittsburgh. Before noon the board went into executive session, which was continued throughout the day and evening until a late hour. The first business was the selection of the time and place of the next general assembly. It was decided that it would be held at Atlanta, Ga., on the second Tuesday of next November. The next matter taken up was a complaint by J. R. Sovereign, of Dubuque, on the question of a local assembly's jurisdiction.

Will Not Accept the Reduction.

READING, Pa., July 16.—The nailers of the Brooke iron company at Birdsboro, in this county, today, decided not to accept the reduction proposed by the company two weeks ago. The nail factory is not running and the firm's sheet mill has shut down in consequence. Both establishments employ 350 men. The first proposal of the reduction was because of general dullness in the nail market.

THE ADVISORY BOARD.

It Held Another Meeting of Importance Yesterday.

The sub-committee appointed from the military advisory board to investigate the reports of the inspecting officers met yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. Colonel Jones and Captain Speed formed the committee. They made quick work of the delinquent companies and notified them to appear at the next meeting of the advisory board, which will be held in August, and show cause why they should not be disbanded.

The full board met in the agricultural committee room at 10 o'clock. Adjutant-General Kell presided. The other members present were Colonel Mercer, Lieutenant-colonel Gerard, Lieutenant-colonel Jones, Captain Gilbert and Captain Speed.

Applications for new companies were received from Athens, Ga., and Dalton, Ga., and were favorably considered, and as soon as these new companies have complied with the requirements of the law they will be received as state troops.

Colonel Mercer and Lieutenant-colonel Gerard were appointed a committee to draw up a bill embodying the recommendations of Monday's convention, which will be introduced to the legislature by Colonel Mercer. When their work was completed the bill was submitted to the board and accepted by them.

It asks for an appropriation of not less than \$25,000 for the purchase of land for the bill. It is to be appropriated for the adjutant and inspector general's department; \$200 for each company of the force, providing that the company shall be reduced by the inspecting officers. It is to be a good military condition. Twenty-five hundred dollars is to be expended in ammunition yearly to be used in rifle practice. There were several other clauses in the bill, but they were not read.

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went to the door and opened it, and there was this man."

THE WRONG PARTY.

"I wanted to see Ack Wiley, who is connected with the National bank. I was mistaken in the place."

"Then he walked off. So, you see, I had had a good look at him before the meeting last night. I knew nothing about him at the time, but when that same evening my friend showed me the note, I knew he was the man."

"And that is your story?"

"That is all of it. I hope you will not say anything that will show up my family in a wrong light. I have three boys and a daughter who are hurt bad enough as it is, and I hope for their sakes, you will touch upon them lightly."

"How old are you?" he was asked.

"Yesterday was my forty-fourth birthday."

"How long have you been with the East Tennessee?"

"Ever since it was built. I helped to grade it."

PERSISTS IN HER STATEMENTS.

At a late hour Mrs. Wiley was seen and informed of the confession. She persisted in her former statements, and said that she simply went out there on the impulse of her sympathies. She said that the man was dying and needed attention.

She seemed surprised and surprised that her husband did the killing, and her sons joined her in saying that they did not know that he did it until they heard the confession.

Mrs. Wiley says she didn't even know the man, and she has frequently gone to spend the night with her sister, who was alone with her little children, her husband being on the road.

At 3 o'clock this morning, Met Wiley, the youngest son, came to the station house and had a long conference with his father in private.

The young men all hold good positions and are known as honest, hard-working young business men.

THE DEAD MAN'S

CLOTHING

